

CURRENT PARAGRAPHS.

Southern News.

Mobile wants a steamboat line between that city and Cape Key. They are taking steps in Mason toward the erection of a Confederate monument.

A North Carolina mother killed her child the other day by throwing it at its father.

The agricultural population of Georgia is 900,000 souls, and the number of acres in cultivation is a trifle over 600,000.

Three colored men graduated at the Medical school of the central Tennessee college, and were invested with the degree of doctor of medicine.

The exhibitions given by the Tennessee poultry association, in Nashville, were attended by over five thousand persons.

The Liberator exodus association of South Carolina reports that one hundred thousand colored persons have signified a desire to emigrate to Liberia.

The report of the adjutant general of Texas shows that there are over four thousand fugitives from the justice of the Lone Star state, and forty counties to hear from.

The supreme court of Tennessee has rendered the important decision that the payment of a stock of goods to the payment of debts is not liable to pay a merchant's tax.

Memphis Appeal: The active working granges in Tennessee now number 600, the membership ranging from 100 to 1,000.

The granges numbered 1,107, and the membership of about thirty thousand.

Of the entire number of granges organized, one hundred never held a second meeting. Prominent grangers say that the order is now in much better working order than heretofore, with the prospect of more effectively carrying out its original object, the cultivation of social intercourse and the education of the farming class.

The Atlanta Constitution says of the yellow fever convention recently held in Jacksonville, Florida. This convention was held none too soon. The proximity of our south Atlantic coast to Havana renders precautionary measures extremely important. There is no doubt of the fact that all the epidemics which have prevailed south of Norfolk since the war can be traced direct to Havana.

The germ of disease in each instance came from that city, and the want of proper sanitary precautions did the rest.

The action of the Jacksonville convention should arouse the authorities of every town on the coast before Norfolk to a full appreciation of the situation.

New Orleans Democrat: New Orleans has no reason to be ashamed of the Orleans she did last year. In cotton receipts we are 180,000 bales ahead of last year, although the total receipts at all the ports are still behind those of 1877.

From river we have received 56,192 bales more than last year; from the Ouachita, 52,417 more; from the Arkansas river, 31,027 more; and from Mobile, 32,927 more, while our cotton seed receipts are almost double those of 1877. Nearly 40 per cent. of the cotton in Kansas, and had been shipped to New Orleans. It is not in cotton, however, but in grain, that New Orleans makes the best showing.

The increase of grain receipts is unprecedented. These have sprung from 327,000 bushels of corn last year to 2,390,641 bushels; wheat from 94,225 to 590,744; and oats, rye and other cereals in proportion. Even sugar and molasses, although last year a crop was a failure, are fairly ahead of the receipts last year at this time.

New Orleans Planeyane: A letter from a Louisiana man residing in Massachusetts, to a friend in New Orleans, says that Franklin W. Smith, one of the Boston capitalists who have resolved that they will plant colonies of farmers and mechanics on lands purchased by the company in the western and southern states, giving the colonists a long time to pay for their lands, are carrying out their plans precisely as they intended to plant their first colony in Kansas, and probably their second colony in east Tennessee or west Carolina. These capitalists have concluded, after a complete inquiry into the cause of the hard times that afflict the country, that the rich men of the country, in self-defense, and for the safety of the nation, must be the industrial and land question is of more importance than silver bills or party politics. They hold that if capital will help fill up the idle lands of the country with the industrious but landless poor, times will improve in proportion as the unemployed are provided with lands.

The Mississippi legislature has enacted a law regulating cotton shipments on railroads. The following is the section specifying the rates to be charged: That any railroad company, or assignee, purchaser or managers thereof, doing business in this state, or which may hereafter do business in this state, shall not be authorized to receive more than one dollar per bale for each bale of cotton transported one hundred miles; less one dollar and fifty cents for each bale of cotton transported one hundred and fifty miles or less; two dollars for each bale of cotton transported more than one hundred and fifty miles; and two hundred miles; two dollars and fifty cents for each bale of cotton transported more than two hundred and fifty miles; and three dollars for each bale of cotton transported more than three hundred and fifty miles; provided, that this applies to cotton shipped from any point within this state, the distance herein contemplated being the distance from the point of shipment to the destination as expressed and required by the shipper. Such companies may charge less prices than prescribed by this act at competing points of other railroads and navigable rivers.

The Atlanta Constitution says of the pine forests of Georgia: In the first place, the pine forests of Georgia must be relied on to produce the bulk of the turpentine crop for the next twenty years. Before 1840, the most of the turpentine in use was produced from the south of France, and from some of the northern states. The supply having fallen short of the demand, the forests of North and South Carolina were then drawn on, and are now almost exhausted. The attention of turpentine men has, therefore, been turned toward the vast forests of southwest Georgia as the point from which to draw the supply of the future.

The production of turpentine from that section has, we learn, doubled several times in the past few years, and is getting to be a very important industry. Good turpentine lands are being sold there at

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Without the Porte's consent, and that the Austrians' going to war are smaller than ever.

The Russian and Turkish lines at San Stefano are separated by the little river Karasu. Russian and Turkish sentries stand at either end of a bridge one hundred feet long. Officers and men of the two armies fraternize in a most remarkable manner. About Pasha, minister of war, has thanked Grand Duke Nicholas for the excellence of his arrangements. Crowds of visitors and petty traders from Constantinople are seen in the Russian camp daily.

The Revue des Deux Mondes contains several "Incidents in the war of Mexican Independence," from which we select the following thrilling scene. A captain in the insurgent army is giving an account of a meditated night attack upon a hacienda, situated in the Cordillera, and occupied by a large force of Spanish soldiers.

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